

**Town of Northumberland  
Town Board Meeting  
October 10, 2012**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Northumberland Town Board was called to order @ 7:00 PM. Following the salute to the flag, roll call was taken. Those attending included Councilman Paul Bolesh; Councilman George Hodgson; Councilwoman Patricia Bryant and Supervisor Willard Peck. Councilman Daniel Gale was absent. Also attending was Clerk Denise Murphy; Highway Sup't Neil Petteys; Town Attorney Douglas Ward and Building and Zoning Administrator Richard Colozza.

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Supervisor Willard Peck informed the public that the Town Board met with Melanie Eggleston earlier tonight. Ms. Eggleston expressed desire to be appointed as an alternate on the Planning Board. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to appoint Melanie Eggleston as an alternate to the Planning Board. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no comments from the public.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion to approve minutes of the September 12, 2012 Town Board Meeting. Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Edward Cross, Dog Control Officer submitted his September 2012 Monthly Report. Mr. Cross answered 8 complaints; brought 1 dog to the shelter and issued 4 warnings.
2. Supervisor Willard Peck received a map and correspondence regarding the Saratoga County Sewer expansion of their District which now includes the Town of Northumberland.
3. The Town received a DVD regarding Honor a Deceased Veteran – Wilford Austin
4. The Town received a copy of the County Directory for 2012

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Hudson Crossing Park: The Town of Northumberland, along with Champlain Canalway Trail working group, received the "2012 Partnership Award In Recognition For Outstanding Inter-Municipal

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Cooperation And Dedication To Stewardship Of Natural, Cultural, Recreational And Historic Resources Of Lakes To Locks Passage”. Town Attorney Douglas Ward stated that he is almost done with the contract with Bill Sprengnether. The Town Board at last month’s Town Board Meeting approved hiring Bill Sprengnether, Landscape Architecture, to provide construction administration and project management professional services for work relating to the NYS Scenic Byway Project: FY 2009 Hudson Crossing Byway Heritage Center. Attorney Douglas Ward stated he just wants to review some of the wording. Councilman George Hodgson stated that he would like the Town Board to authorize Supervisor Willard Peck to execute a “Modification to the Agreement – C006876 Old Saratoga on the Hudson Waterfront Revitalization Plan Implementation”. Councilman George Hodgson stated that he would like to amend the agreement to include a canoe/kayak launch. Councilman George Hodgson gave an overview of the changes that have occurred in the – Old Saratoga on the Hudson Waterfront Revitalization Plan Agreement. Town Attorney Douglas Ward stated that he would like to review the document prior to Supervisor Willard Peck signing the “Modification Agreement Form”. Councilman George Hodgson made a motion authorizing Supervisor Willard Peck to sign the “Modification Agreement Form” contingent upon Town Attorney’s approval after reviewing the document. Councilman Paul Bolesh seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Councilman Paul Bolesh informed the Town Board that he contacted Kellogg Karpet & Design Center to obtain quotes for full repair and/or repair area of the hall floor. Kellogg’s came back with 2 estimates

1. Full Repair: includes take-up/disposal of existing floor/installation and materials/new Subfloor and tile with new base and moving soda machine - \$2,018.00
2. Repair area: includes subfloor, floor prep/labor and moving soda machine - \$451.00

Councilman Paul Bolesh introduced Resolution #64 of 2012:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Northumberland is in need of repairs to the flooring in the town hallway, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Northumberland contacted Kellogg Karpet & Design Center for a quote to make necessary repairs to the flooring, and

**WHEREAS**, Kellogg Karpet & Design Center submitted two (2) quotes – one for the full replacement - \$2,018.00 and one for the repair of the direct area - \$451.00, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Northumberland Town Board Members did a physical review of the area in questions, therefore be it

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**RESOLVED**, the Town of Northumberland accepts the quote for the repair of the area which includes subflooring, floor preparation, labor and moving of soda machine in the amount of \$451.00.

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 64 of 2012.

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”

Resolution #64 of 2012 Adopted

2. Supervisor Willard Peck presented his 2013 Tentative Town Budget. Supervisor Willard Peck also provided Board Members with a copy of Northumberland Fire District’s proposed 2013 Budget. The Town of Northumberland Town Board does not have any control over their budget. The Town only collects appropriate taxes for Northumberland Fire District. Supervisor Willard Peck made note that the Northumberland Fire District’s proposed 2013 Budget is well over the 2% tax cap, more in the 6% range. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that the Moreau Emergency Squad submitted their request; it is an 11.5% increase over last year. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that the Town of Northumberland does have control over the amount paid to Moreau Emergency Squad and has proposed a 2% increase over 2012. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he has made provisions for a 2% pay increase for both elected and appointed employees. Supervisor Willard Peck stated the biggest challenge has been the increase in NYS Retirement and health insurance costs. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he is looking at using additional unexpended fund balance to lower the amount to be raised by tax in the Highway Fund. The Town of Northumberland is still well below the 2% tax cap. Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2013 Town Budget @ 7:00 PM on Thursday, November 8, 2012 followed by the Town Board Meeting. Councilman George Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Supervisor Willard Peck gave a brief overview of what is happening in regards to the Saratoga County Landfill. The County has received proposals from three private companies interested in operating the never used landfill in Northumberland. The proposals were received from Finch Paper, Waste Connections and Casella Waste Systems. Supervisor Willard Peck stated that he has not had an opportunity to review the proposals. Supervisor Willard Peck stated information regarding these proposals will not be made public since Saratoga County can negotiate with the private companies. Saratoga County does not have to accept the highest bid.

**DESIGNATIONS**

1. Approval of Vouchers: Councilman George Hodgson introduced Resolution # 65 of 2012

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the following Vouchers to be paid as presented:

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A (General Fund) Vouchers # 378 - # 415 Total: \$ 98,290.34  
DA (Highway Fund) Vouchers # 224 - # 246 Total: \$ 25,150.36  
SS (Sewer District #1) Voucher # 10 Total: \$ 25.10

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the introduction of Resolution # 65 of 2012

Supervisor Willard Peck – “Aye”

Councilman Paul Bolesh – “Aye”

Councilman George Hodgson – “Aye”

Councilwoman Patricia Bryant – “Aye”      Resolution #65 of 2012 Adopted

Councilman Paul Bolesh made a motion @ 8:45 PM to adjourn the Regular Monthly Meeting.  
Councilwoman Patricia Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Murphy

Town Clerk